

BROOKE OF BLAKELANDS IN BOBBINGTON, STAFFS

ARMS:

CREST:

John Brooke of Blakelands in Bobbington, Staffs c1413-c1477

Will (...) 1477

(said to be of the family of Brooke of Claverley, Salop)

(living) c1425

chn: Richard Brooke [1] 1477 fw

John Brooke [2] below

John Brooke of Blakelands in Bobbington, Staffs c1447

[? FATHER OF]

John Brooke of Blakelands in Bobbington, Salop c1477-1543

m Catherine -----; c1532 FAS

m ----- Butler of Bewsey, Lancs

d 1543

(of Bobbington, 2nd family listed, with unnamed chn) c1532 FAS

(also said to be son of Thomas Brooke of Claverley, Salop)

chn: Ralph Brooke [1] b c1503 below

John Brooke [2]

Griffin Brooke [3]

Michael Brooke [4]

Francis Brooke [5] b c1513 further below

Margaret [NOT Joan] Brooke [-] m John Wightwick of Wightwick in Tettenhall,

Staffs c1494-a1547 [SLG]

.[dau]. Brooke [-] m ----- Brooke of Rowton, Salop

Ralph Brooke of Blakelands in Bobbington, Staffs gentleman c1503-1577

m Elizabeth Botiler dau and heir of Thomas Botiler; c1532 FAS

d 1577

(of Bobbington, 3rd family listed) c1532 FAS; (paid £10, Bobbington) 1576 LS; (as gentleman, summoned but not entered at the Visitation [?then dead]) Aug *1583

chn: [?] Richard Brooke m Mary Corbet dau of Thomas Corbet of Longnor, Salop c1494-

?1586 [SLG]; (of Blakelands in Bobbington, Staffs)

Margaret Brooke b c1533; m William Whorwood of Bobbington, Staffs c1532-.... [SLG]

Joyce Brooke m Richard Deane ALIAS Wood of Codsall, Staffs c1532-.... [SLG]

[? FATHER OF]

John Brooke of Blakelands in Bobbington, Staffs c1541-a1592

m Frances Wrottesley dau of John Wrottesley of Wrottesley in Tettenhall, Staffs

c1526-1578 [SLG]; m2 a1592 Ralph Drake of Blakelands in Bobbington, Staffs; (with

husband Ralph Drake) 1592 mw

[? FATHER OF]

John Brooke of Blakelands in Bobbington, Staffs gentleman c1566-1640

m Alice OR Eleanor Brooke dau of Thomas Brooke of Norton, Cheshire c1552-1622 [SLG];

(living) 1596

d 1640

(named in the Visitation) *Aug 1614; (not present at coronation of Charles I and later fined £10 for knighthood) 2 Feb 1625.6

chn: Thomas Brooke below

Thomas Brooke of Blakelands in Bobbington, Staffs c1596-1646

m Joyce Spittle dau of John Spittle of Enville, Staffs

d 1646

chn: Edward Brooke b c1626; (aged 37) 1663 below

William Brooke (living) 1663

Lucy Brooke m Richard Windle of Enville, Staffs

Edward Brooke of Blakelands in Bobbington, Staffs Esquire c1626-1674

m 5 Aug 1647 Bobbington: Mary Leigh dau of John Leigh (Secondary of the Poultry Counter, London)

d 1674

(aged 37) 1663; (certified Visitation) 10 Apr 1663; (as Esquire, 9 hearths, Bobbington) 1666 HT; (? as Mr Brooke, owner of a house with one hearth at Morfe in Enville) 1666 HT

chn: Richard Brooke [1] b 10 Mar 1653 Bobbington [IGI] [below](#)

Edward Brooke [2] b 10 Dec 1648[sic] Bobbington [IGI]

Walter Brooke [3]

Leigh Brooke b 22 May 1667 Bobbington [below](#)

Mary Brooke

Sarah Brooke

Richard Brooke of Blakelands in Bobbington, Staffs Esquire 1653-1677

b 10 Mar 1653 Bobbington [IGI]

d 1677

(aged 10) 1663

Leigh Brooke of Blakelands in Bobbington, Staffs Esquire 1667-1718

b 22 May 1667 Bobbington [IGI]

m 24 Jan 1697 Shifnal: Elizabeth Brigges dau and coheir=b of Sir Humphrey Brigges of Haughton in Shifnal, Salop 3rd Baronet c1639-1699 [SLG]

d 1718

(Sheriff, Staffs) 24 Dec 1705-7 Jan 1707 1712

chn: John Brooke c 26 Oct 1700 Bobbington; d 1786; (Vicar of Shifnal, Salop)

Richard Brooke c 25 May 1705 Bobbington [below](#)

Richard Brooke (Vicar of Shifnal, Salop)

c 25 May 1705 Bobbington

m -----

chn: Frances Brooke b c1747 [below](#)

Frances Brooke c1747-

m George Salusbury Townshend of Chester 1742-1801

chn: George Brooke Brigges Townshend LATER Brooke [below](#)

George Brooke Brigges Townshend LATER Brooke of Haughton in Shifnal, Salop 1769-1845
b c1769

m 1799 Henrietta dau of Richard Massey

d 1845

(succeeded to Haughton on the death of his uncle John Brooke) 1786

(assumed by sign-manual the surname of Brooke ONLY) 1797

(Sheriff, Salop) 1811

chn:

Francis Brooke of Church Stretton, Salop gentleman c1513-1582

b c1513 5th son of John Brooke of Blakelands in Bobbington, Salop c1477-1543 [SLG]

m Elizabeth Banester dau of Robert Banester of Lacon, Salop

(attorney); (of Bank House, Church Stretton) c1540

chn: Edward Brooke [1] [below](#)

Robert Brooke [2]

Joyce Brooke m Edward Acton of Acton Scott, Salop

Edward Brooke of Church Stretton, Salop gentleman c1543-

m Frances Leighton dau of Richard Leighton of Cotes in Bushbery, Salop

chn: Edward Brooke [below](#)

Edward Brooke of Church Stretton, Salop c1573-

m 1603 Elizabeth Higgins dau and heir of Richard Higgins of All Stretton, Salop

[? Will of Church Stretton gentleman (PCC) 9 Sep 1659]

(signed Shropshire Visitation) 1623

chn: Frances Brooke

Elizabeth Brooke

Susan Brooke

c1532 FAS; *1614/64; *1664/1700; VCH (SALOP); VIS.SALOP.1623 79-80; CHECK *VCH (BLAKELANDS, BOBBINGTON)

BROOKE OF LEIGHTON, CHESHIRE

ARMS:*Or a cross engrailed per pale gules and sable [BROOKE 1] QUARTERING Argent a chevron sable between three bucks heads cabossed gules

NOTE The quartered arms appear to be WHORWOOD.

CREST: A brock OR badger sable

BP states "This family descends from Adam, Lord of Leighton, Cheshire, in the 12th century."

Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Cheshire c1430-....

m ? ---- Venables

m ? ---- Parker dau and heir of John Parker of Coppenhall OR Cuerden Hall, Lincs

chn: John Brooke [1] b c1460 ?below

Ralph Brooke [2] m Margery Wettenhall dau of Thomas Wettenhall of Cholmoston, Cheshire; (and had chn: Roger m ---- ----; (and had chn: Roger): He (of Nantwich, Cheshire); (? of Calais)

Robert Brooke [3] (of Nantwich); (Governor, Calais)

Richard Brooke [4] b c1474 further below

Henry Brooke (Principal Clerk, Board of Green Cloth)

Alice Brooke m Ralph Leech of Nantwich

Margaret Brooke m Roger Mainwaring

John Brooke of Leighton, Cheshire c1460-

m Jane Meverell dau of [?Thomas] Meverell of Throwley in Ilam, Staffs [c1424-1496 [SLG]]

chn: Thomas Brooke [1] b c1490 below

Henry Brooke [2] b c1494 further below

John Brooke

Ralph Brooke m ,.... Featherstone

Alice Brooke m George Delves

Ann Brooke m Thomas Whitnet of Cowcaus

[?] Alice Brooke m ---- Egerton; (and had chn: Ann) 1558 bw

Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Cheshire c1490-a1558

m Elizabeth Starkey dau of Hugh Starkey of Oulton, Cheshire c1472-1516

[VIS.CESH.1613 26]

d a1558

(then dead) 1558 bw

chn: John Brooke [1] below

Richard Brooke [2] further below

Reginald Brooke [3]

Edward Brooke [4]

Andrew Brooke [5] m ---- ----; (and had chn: Basil, Catherine); (gentleman usher); (of Kirkby); (succeeded his uncle Henry at Lubenham)

Elizabeth Brooke m Richard Walker of Leigh Green

Ann Brooke m ,,,, Shelton

[?] Richard Brooke [illeg.]

John Brooke of Leighton, Cheshire c1520-

m1 Catherine Ormeshaw dau of Thomas Ormeshaw

m2 Margery Mainwaring dau of Charles Mainwaring of Croxton, Cheshire [VIS.CESH.1580 166]

(living) 1566

chn: Ann Brooke m William Monkas of Coppenhall

Matilda Brooke m Thomas Triber of Norwich

[2] Richard Brooke [?1] (had no chn)

Thomas Brooke [?2] below

William Brooke
John Brooke
Charles Brooke
Roger Brooke
Robert Brooke
Margery Brooke
[?] Elizabeth Brooke

Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Cheshire c1560-
m Alice Croxton dau of William Croxton of Ravenscroft, Cheshire [VIS.CHESH.1580 70]
chn: Ann Brooke [1] (unm.) 1613
Margery Brooke [2] m John Byrne of Aston
Alice Brooke [3] m Thomas Stringer of Mertmore
Susan Brooke [4] (unm.) 1613
Mary Brooke [5] (unm.) 1613

Richard Brooke of Norton, Cheshire c1524-1569
b c1524 2nd son of Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Cheshire c1490-a1558 [SLG]
m Christian Carew dau of John Carew of Hackam, Devon; m2 Ralph Done of Flaxyards,
Cheshire
d 1569
(by purchase from Crown, lord of Norton, Cheshire) 1545; (a Knight of Rhodes); (Sheriff, Cheshire)
1563
chn: Thomas Brooke below
Poynings Brooke
John Brooke
Richard Brooke
Mary Brooke m Richard Brereton
Prudence Brooke m Hugh Starkey "the travilor"
Martha Brooke m1 Henry Bowles; m2 Lawrence Ditchfield of Chester
Christian Brooke m Richard Grosvenor of Eaton, Cheshire
Elizabeth Brooke m1 Lancelot Bartlett OR Bilott; m2 Kendrick OR Kinch Eaton of
Eaton, Cheshire
Jane Brooke m Edward Butler of Bewsey, Lancs Knight (baron of Warrington) c1554-
.... [SLG]; {divorced}

Thomas Brooke of Norton, Cheshire Esquire c1550-1622
m1 Ann Tuchet dau of Henry Tuchet 10th Baron Audley c1527-1583 [SLG]
m2 a1580 Elizabeth Marbury dau of William Marbury of Marbury, Cheshire
[VIS.CHESH.1580 168]; d 1604
m3 Eleanor Gerard
d 3 Nov 1622
(Sheriff, Cheshire) 1578 1592
chn: Richard Brooke below
George Brooke [2] (had no chn)
Thomas Brooke [3] (had no chn)
Christian Brooke m Richard Starkey of Stretton, Cheshire
Margaret Brooke m William Warburton of Shelton, Notts c1560-.... [SLG]
Alice OR Eleanor Brooke m John Brooke of Blakelands in Bobbington, Staffs c1566-1640
[SLG]
[2] .[son]. Brooke (ancestor of BROOKE OF DROMAVANA)
[3] .[son]. Brooke (ancestor of BROOKE OF MERE)

Sir Richard Brooke of Norton, Cheshire Knight c1575-1632
m1 Jane Chadderton dau of William Chadderton (Bishop of Chester) ?1540-1608 [DNB]
m2 Catherine Neville dau of Sir Henry Neville of Billingbere, Berks
d 10 Apr 1632
chn: Elizabeth Brooke m Turrell Jossleyn of Turrell, Essex
[2] Henry Brooke b c1610; (aged 3) 1613 below
[others]

Sir Henry Brooke of Norton, Cheshire 1st Baronet c1610-1664
m Mary Pusey dau of Timothy Pusey of Selston, Notts
d 1664 [BP]
(aged 3) 1613; (M.P., Cheshire) 1644-7; (created a Baronet) 12 Dec 1662
chn: Richard Brooke [1] below

Henry Brooke [2] m Mary Prichard dau and heir of Philip Prichard of Bostock Green

Pusey Brooke [3] m Ann Leigh dau of Henry Leigh of High Leigh, Cheshire

Sir Richard Brooke of Norton, Cheshire 2nd Baronet c1634-1710

m Apr 1656 Francesca Posthuma dau of Thomas Leigh of Sefton, Lancs priest c1592-.... [SLG]

d Feb 1709.10

(Sheriff, Cheshire) 1667-8

chn: Thomas Brooke

Henry Brooke m ----- Hesketh; (but had no chn)

Richard Brooke (Captain, Army)

George Brooke

Leigh Brooke (Fellow, Brasenose College, Oxford)

Mary Brooke m Randle Wilbraham of Nantwich, Cheshire c1660-a1732 [SLG]

Letitia Brooke m Henry Leigh of High Leigh, Cheshire

Frances Brooke m Silvester Richmond

Sarah Brooke unkm.; (living) 1727 [EB II 286]

Sir Thomas Brooke of Norton, Cheshire 3rd Baronet c1658-1739

m 12 Jul 1688 Grace Wilbraham dau of Roger Wilbraham of Nantwich, Cheshire 1623-.... [SLG]

d 1739

(Governor, Chester Castle)

chn: Frances Brooke [1] (living) 1727 [EB II 386]

Richard Brooke [1] b c1690 below

Alice Brooke [2] d in infancy

Thomas Brooke [2] (living) 1727 [EB II 386]

Henry Brooke [3] (living) 1727 [EB II 386]

Roger Brooke [4] (living) 1727 [EB II 386]

Pusey Brooke [5] (living) 1727 [EB II 386]

John Brooke [6] (living) 1727 [EB II 386]

Elizabeth Brooke [3] m 1731 Roger Wilbraham of Nantwich, Cheshire c1693-1754 [SLG]; (but had no surviving chn)

Alice Brooke [4] (living) 1727 [EB II 386]

Richard Brooke (of Norton, Cheshire) c1690-1720

m Margaret Hill dau of John Hill (of Hawkstone in Hodnet, Salop) 1656-1713 [SLG]

d before his father 1720

chn: Richard Brooke [only child] b c1719 (4th Baronet)

Henry Brooke of Wrinehill in Madeley, Staffs Esquire c1494-1558

b c1494 2nd son of John Brooke of Leighton, Cheshire c1460-.... [SLG]

m1 1529 Agnes Griffith dau of Sir Walter Griffith of Wichnor in Tatenhill, Staffs Knight

1473-1531 [SLG]; m1 John Egerton of Wrinehill in Madeley, Staffs c1490-a1524 [SLG]

m2 a1553 Mary Parr dau and coheir of William Parr ... Baron Parr of Horton-....

[..]; (but had no chn); m1 John Digby of Ab Kettleby, Leics-1548; (and had

chn: Francis, John and William)

i Lubenham [will]; Will (PCC) 18 Feb 1557.8/27 Aug 1558 [abstract SHC 1917-8 312]

has kinsman Hugh Aldersey, cousin Roger Partridge of Brewood, Staffs 1509-1571 [SLG]; niece

Jane Horner (mother of Thomas and Richard H.) [will]

(of Lubenham, Leics); (of London); (of Burton-upon-Trent, Staffs)

(Reeve, Audley) c1530; (M.P., Newcastle) 1542-4 1545-7; (Receiver-General) a1553; (succeeded by his nephew Andrew Brooke above) [PARL3]

chn: Catherine Brooke b c1530; d a1558; i Lubenham

Sir Richard Brooke of London Knight c1474-1529

b c1474 4th son of Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Cheshire c1430-.... [SLG]

m Ann Ledes dau of William Ledes of Sussex; 1529 E hw; d 11 Nov 1547; i Putney,

Surrey; M.I. [below]; Will (PCC) 23 Sep 1547/14 Jan 1547.8 mentions her daughters

Elizabeth Brooke, Cecily Delves and Margaret Whorwood and sons and executors Robert and William

d 6 May 1529; Will (PCC) 6 May 1529/2 Jul 1529 [below]; IPM Apr 1548

(J.P., Various Counties) 1500-d; (Reader, Middle Temple) a1502 1510; (Under Sheriff, London)

15202-10; (M.P., London) 1512 1515; (Recorder, London) Jul 1510-20; (Serjeant-at-Law) Nov 1510-

20; (Commr.) 1512-24; (Justice of Assize, Norfolk) 1519-?d; (a Judge of the Common Pleas) 1520-d; (knighted) ?29 Apr 1520; (Chief Baron of the Exchequer) 24 Jan 1525.6-d ; (built "Brooke Hall" at Nacton near Ipswich, Suffolk); [DNB] [FOSS] [PARL3]

chn: Robert Brooke (ancestor of BROKE OF NACTON, SUFFOLK BARONET)

William Brooke

John Brooke

Bridget Brooke m ----- Fastolf of Suffolk

Cecily Brooke b c1500; m a1547 Sir Henry Delves of Doddington, Cheshire Knight c1480-1560 [SLG]; i 3 Jan 1562.3 Wybunbury; Will (...) 20 Dec 1562/-----

Margaret Brooke m1 John Glegg of Gayton, Cheshire; m2 William Whorwood of Putney, Surrey c1491-1545 [SLG]; m3 p1547 William Sheldon of Beoley, Worcs c1495-1570 [SLG]; 1545 E hw; d 1589; i St Thomas Apostle

Elizabeth Brooke m a1529 Sir Thomas Foulhurst of Crewe, Cheshire Knight c1495-.... [VIS.CHESH.1580 102]

[10 sons, 10 daus]

.... mentions sons Robert, William and John and his daughters Bridget, Cecily, Margaret and Elizabeth Fouleshurst. ... brother Robert ... wife's mother Joan Leeds. Residue to wife and executrix Margaret ... [Stephenson MON. BRASSES SURREY 420]

Dame Anne Brooke late widow of Sir Richard Brooke Knight, lord chief baron of the exchequer deceased, which Dame Anne died XI November MCCCCSLVII, which Sir Richard had by her xx children, x sonnes and x daughters. [Stephenson MON. BRASSES SURREY 419]

BP (BROOKE); EB II 385-6; VIS.CHESH.1580 51-2; VIS.CHESH.1613 45-6; VIS.LEICS.1619 65; Will of Henry Brooke in SHC 1917-8 312 (11/2/04)

BROOKE OF HASELOUR IN LICHFIELD ST MICHAEL, STAFFS

ARMS:*Argent a cross engrailed per pale sable and gules (*1583) [BROOKE 2]

Richard Brooke of Snelston, Derbys c1466-

chn: Thomas Brooke below

Thomas Brooke c1496-....

chn: John Brooke below

John Brooke of Haselour in Lichfield St Michael, Staffs gentleman c1526-1571

m1 Lucy Huddleston 1st dau and coheir=m of Richard Huddleston of Elford, Staffs c1491-.... [SLG] and Margery Smith (dau and heir of Sir William Smith of Elford, Staffs Knight c1475-1526 [SLG])

m2 Alice Croker dau of John Croker of Hook Norton, Oxon; (but ? had no chn); i *as wife of John gent.* 10 Oct 1560 Elford

d 1 Jun 1571; i 11 Jun 1571 Elford

(by right of his wife, lord of 1/2 Elford+A and Haselour)

("... Brookes, of Haselour, from the stable to his young mistress's bed) [ERDESWICK (1844) lviii]

[SHAW calls him in error son of Sir Robert Brooke of Lapley]

(co-presented at Elford) 1561 & 1567

chn: Robert Brooke [1] b c1556; (aged 15) 1571 below

William Brooke [2] i 18 Nov 1639 ?Elford

John Brooke (had no chn); i 11 Dec 1629 Elford; M.I.

Jerome Brooke [4]

Robert Brooke of Haselour in Lichfield St Michael, Staffs gentleman c1556-1597

m Catherine Agard dau of Clement Agard of Foston, Derbys c1516-.... [SLG]; i 16 Mar 1593.4 Elford

d 21 Jun 1597; i 23 Jun 1597 Elford

(aged 15) 1571

(as gentleman, summoned and entered at the Visitation, and signed the record) Aug *1583

(joint lord of Haselour, held of Queen Elizabeth as of her manor of Longdon) *1589/92

chn: James Brooke [1] b c1576; (aged 7) 1583; (had no chn); d before his father a1597

William Brooke [2] b c1579; (aged 18) 1597 below

Susan Brooke [1] b c1581

Eleanor Brooke [2] b c1583

Lucy Brooke [3] b c1585; m Henry Kendall of Austrey, Warwicks c1578-....
[VIS.WARWICKS.1619]; (and had chn: Henry b c1608; (aged 11) 1619))
John Brooke [3] c 18 Nov 1586 Elford; i 19 Oct 1587 Elford
Isabel Brooke [4] c 23 Oct 1588 Elford; i 26 Dec 1588 Elford

William Brooke of Haselour in Lichfield St Michael, Staffs gentleman c1579-1641

m c1602 Elizabeth Dawes dau and coheir of William Dawes of Haselour, Staffs c1553-.... [SLG];
[? i *as unnamed widow* 3 Jul 1653 Elford]
d *aged 62* 22 May 1641; i 24 May 1641 Elford; M.I. [SHAW I 384]

(aged 18) 1597

(named in the Visitation) *Aug 1614

(presented at Elford) 1624

(as Esquire, not present at coronation of Charles I and later fined £20 for
knighthood) 2 Feb 1625.6

chn: William Brooke [1] b c1603; (aged 60) 31 Mar 1663 below

Robert Brooke [2] unm.

John Brooke [3] [? i *as gentleman* 7 Jun 1673 Elford]

George Brooke [4] (had no chn); i 2 Dec 1646 Elford

Thomas Brooke [5] (had no chn); i 2 May 1609 Elford

Agard Brooke [6] (had no chn)

Michael Brooke [-] i 18 Jul 1615 Elford

Elizabeth Brooke m John Fownes of Dodford, Worcs c1605-.... [SLG]

Catherine Brooke i 20 Dec 1627 Elford

William Brooke of Haselour in Lichfield St Michael, Staffs gentleman c1603-1668

m Ann Nichols dau of William Nichols of Halstead and Tilton, Leics c1563-.... [SLG]; d a1696
i 9 Oct 1668 Elford

(aged 60, his wife Ann certified Visitation for him) 31 Mar 1663; (as Mr, 7 hearths, Haselour) 1666
HT

chn: William Brooke [1] b c1634; (aged 29) 1663 below

John Brooke m Margery Babington of Durhams; (and had chn: Ann)

Ann Brooke [1] m John Eedes of Warwick

Elizabeth Brooke [2] b 1645 [M.I.]; m John Perrott of Chaddesley Corbett,
Worcs; d 1707 [M.I.]; i Bromsgrove, Worcs; M.I.

Frances Brooke [3] c 6 Feb 1644.5 Elford; m A.... Forbes

William Brooke of Haselour in Lichfield St Michael, Staffs gentleman c1634-1672

m Susanna -----; i *as widow* 19 Jun 1675 Elford

i 25 Sep 1672 Elford

(aged 29) 1663

(soon after his death his family sold Haselour to Samuel Dilkes Esquire who resold it to Joseph
Girdler)

chn: Mary Brooke [heir] m 28 Nov 1692 Merevale, Warwicks [ANNOTATION TO DEED]

Christopher

Heveningham of Lichfield, Staffs c1660-1737 [SLG]; i 4 Mar 1704.5 St Mary, Lichfield

*1583; *1614/64; *1664/1700; SHAW I 388-9 (11/2/04)

BROOKE OF MADELEY, SALOP
BROOKE OF COMBERFORD IN TAMWORTH, STAFFS

ARMS:*Checky argent and sable on a chief or a brock proper (1583) [BROOKE 3]

CREST:

Richard Brooke of Claverley, Salop

m ----- Banester of Hadnall

chn: Thomas Brooke below

Thomas Brooke

m ----- Hill of Beckington

chn: Richard Brooke below

Richard Brooke
m Emma Morfe dau and heir of Richard Morfe of Bridgnorth OR Morfe
chn: Richard Brooke below

Richard Brooke
m Margery Lee dau and heir of John Lee of Stanton and Langley
chn: Thomas Brooke below

Thomas Brooke
m Margaret Spicer dau of Richard Spicer of Claverley
chn: Saher Brooke below
 [?] John Brooke (of Blacklands in Bobbington)

Saher Brooke
m Eleanor Bruyn dau and heir of John Bruyn of "la ley" near Bridgnorth
chn: Thomas Brooke below

NOT INDEXED ABOVE HERE ALL FROM VIS.SALOP.79-81

Thomas Brooke of Claverley, Salop c1478-

m c1507 Margaret Grosvenor dau of Humphrey Grosvenor of Farncote in Claverley, Salop
c1459-.... **[SLG]**
chn: Robert Brooke b c1508 below
 Elizabeth Brooke m Richard Harvey
 Elizabeth Brooke m Richard Harington of Bishton, Salop [VIS.SALOP.1623 220]
 [DATES ODD]

Sir Robert Brooke Knight (Chief Justice of the Common Pleas) c1508-1558

{Sir Robert Broke}
m1 a1537 Ann Waring dau of Nicholas Waring of Shrewsbury [VIS.SALOP.1623 80];
 m1 Nicholas Hurlston of London-a1532; d c1541
m2 (settlement, 19 Sep 1544) Dorothy Gatacre dau of William Gatacre of Gatacre in
 Claverley, Salop 1506-1577 [SLG]; d c1572
d 5 [IPM] OR 6 [M.I.] Sep 1558; i Claverley, Salop [M.I., below]; Will (PCC) 7 Jan
 1557.8/-----; IPM 1558/9 [SHAW II 277]
(by purchase for £946/3/8 from the Crown, lord of Madeley) 1544-58
(by purchase from Sir Richard Manners, lord of Lapley) 1548-58

(of Carter Lane and Putney, London
[? (B.A., Oxon) 1521]
(Commr.) 1538-d
(Reader, Middle Temple) 1542 1551
(Common Serjeant, City of London) 11 Jul 1536-45
(J.P., Salop) 1536-47
(Recorder, City of London) 12 Nov 1545-54
(M.P., London) 1545 1547 1553(1) 1553(2) 1554(1)
(J.P., Middx) 1547-d
(Serjeant-at-Law) 17 Oct 1552
(Speaker, House of Commons) 2 Apr-5 May 1554
(Chief Justice of the Common Pleas) 8 Oct 1554-d
(J.P., Essex, Herts, Kent, Surrey, Sussex) 1554-d
(knighted by King Philip) 27 Jan 1555
(author of LA GRAUNDE ABRIDGEMENT)
(author on legal matters)
(Portrait at National Portrait Gallery)
("Broke was evidently sympathetic to the Marian religious regime, and was indeed
described as a zealous Catholic. ") [ODNB]
[ODNB] [FOSS] [PARL]

chn: Mary Brooke b c1536; m c1556 Thomas Leveson of Wolverhampton, Staffs
 c1533-1595 **[SLG]**; d 1593
 John Brooke [1] b c1538; (aged 21+) 10 Jun 1559 below
 Adam Brooke [2] b c1539; [?(Prebendary, Wolverhampton Kinvaston, Staffs)
 c1553-c1595 [1915]]
 Walter Brooke [3] b c1541
[2] Thomas Brooke b c1544; m Elizabeth -----

Richard Brooke b c1546; (aged 12) 1558/9 IPM further below
Edward Brooke
Alan Brooke
Ralph Brooke
Mary Brooke m ----- Lutley
Emma (?Eunice) Brooke (had no chn)
Ann Brooke m ----- Drewell
Martha Brooke m Christopher Digon
Catherine Brooke m Richard Weaver

Here lyeth the body of Sr. Robert Broke, Knyghte, in his time for virtue and lerning advanced to be Common Serjaunt of the Citie of London, Recorder of London, Serjaunt at the lawe, Speaker of the Pylament, and Chiefe Justice of the Common Pleas, who, visiting his friends in the Country, deseased the 6th daye of September, 1558, after he had begotten of Ann and Dorothea his wiefs, XVII. children, upon whose sowles God h mercy [HARTLEY (1912) 35]

Broke, Sir Robert (d. 1558), judge, legal writer, and speaker of the House of Commons, was probably born in the first decade of the sixteenth century. He was the eldest son of Thomas Broke of Claverley, Shropshire, and Margaret, daughter of Humphrey Grosvenor of Farmcote in the same county. He is doubtless the 'Robertus Broke de Strond Inne' whose name is written in an early copy of *Littleton* now in Cambridge University Library. From Strand Inn he was admitted to the Middle Temple some time between 1525 and 1528, and he studied pleading in the office of John Jenour, the protonotary. On becoming a bencher in 1542, he read on the Statute of Limitations of 1540; this reading circulated in manuscript and was printed in 1647. His second reading, in 1551, was on pleas of the crown (taking chapter 18 of Magna Carta as the text) and this also circulated in different versions before a text reached the press in 1641. Like Sir Richard Broke, to whom he was not related, he began his judicial career in the service of the city of London, which appointed him common serjeant in 1536 on the recommendation of the king and queen; the explanation for this mark of royal favour is unknown. He was promoted to the recordership in 1545 and over the next ten years was returned to five parliaments as member for the city, serving as speaker in 1554. These offices did not preclude private practice, and his signature is found on bills in chancery in the 1530s and 1540s. He was also during this period deputy chief steward for the duchy of Lancaster in the north parts, and was created a serjeant-at-law at the general call of 1552.

On 8 October 1554 Broke was appointed chief justice of the common pleas, and he was knighted the following January. A number of his judgments are reported by Dyer, including his opinion in 1555 that gold and silver mines belonged to the queen by virtue of the prerogative; Dyer wrote that he did not believe Broke when he said he had 'seen a book' to that effect (*Reports*, ed. Baker, 15). In 1557 Broke fell out with his brethren when he named his second wife's brother, Thomas Gatacre of the Middle Temple, as chief protonotary. The puisne judges rejected Gatacre as unsuitably qualified, but Broke's second nominee, William Wheteley, was allowed to take office despite the puisnes' preference for another candidate. Broke was evidently sympathetic to the Marian religious regime, and was indeed described as a zealous Catholic. As it happens, the latest reported case in his *Abridgement* concerned the procedure for burning heretics in 1555. Had he survived he would doubtless have suffered the ignominy of replacement, but in the event he died a month before the queen, on 5 or 6 September 1558, while visiting friends at Patshull in Staffordshire. He was buried in Claverley church, where there is an alabaster monument bearing his effigy in judicial robes, with a collar of SS and roses and a pendent crucifix, lying between his two wives.

Broke is remembered in the legal profession chiefly for *La graunde abridgement*, which was published posthumously in 1573 by Richard Tottell, and reprinted in smaller format in 1576 and 1586. (Supposed earlier editions of 1568 and 1570 are ghosts.) This was more ambitious even than Fitzherbert's *Graunde Abridgement*, containing over 20,000 entries digested under a wider range of titles, and had useful marginal notes guiding the reader more readily to the contents. Contemporaries found it easier to use than Fitzherbert, and it is still a valuable reference tool. Although the abridgement was primarily derived from the medieval year-books, Broke added a number of cases from his own observation, some statutes and other sources, and even a few extracts from readings in the inns of court. The contemporary cases, though only briefly noted, may be considered as original law reports. They were extracted by Richard Bellewe and published separately, in a chronological rearrangement, as *Ascuns Novell Cases* (1578), an enterprise which placed Broke among the canonical-law reporters; the volume was reprinted several times, most recently in 1873. A different version of the cases, in alphabetical order, was published in English translation (as *Some New Cases*) by John March in 1651; this was reprinted in *The English Reports*

in 1907. Broke gave to his colleague Sir Anthony Browne 'a greate written booke of presidentes', which Browne bequeathed to Robert Mordaunt; these precedents were probably entries of pleading, reflecting Broke's clerical training, rather than reports or abridged cases.

Of the two wives portrayed on Broke's tomb, the first was Anne, daughter of Nicholas Waring of Shrewsbury, and widow of Nicholas Hurleston (*d.* 1531), clerk of the green cloth, who married Broke in the mid-1530s. Anne gave birth to his eldest son, John (*d.* 1598), who was to represent Bridgnorth in the parliaments of 1558 and 1563, and at least three other children. Anne having died, in 1544 Broke married as his second wife Dorothy, daughter of William Gatacre of Gatacre, Shropshire, and with her had at least five sons and four daughters. In his will Broke asked Dorothy to be contented with a third part of his money and movables, 'because wee have many children to advance'. The inscription on his monument stated that there were seventeen in all, from the two marriages, though presumably not all of them survived infancy. To each unmarried daughter he left a portion of £160, 'so that they kepe them selves good women and doe marry with suche persons as shalbe meete to have suche portion by reason of their landes, lerninge, office, feate of merchandise or such like'. His youngest sons were to be maintained until sufficiently learned in reading and writing, and in Latin, or until apprenticed or able to help themselves. The sixth son, Ralph, joined Clement's Inn and the Middle Temple; but none of the sons seems to have been called to the bar.

Broke described himself in his will as 'of London', where by 1547 he had a house in Warwick Lane, off Newgate Street, in the parish of St Gregory. He also had a country home in Putney. However, he retained his paternal estates in Shropshire, selling his house called Spicer's Hall in Claverley on acquiring the monastic manor of Madeley from the crown in 1544. Madeley became the principal seat of his eldest son and descendants.

John Brooke of Madeley, Salop Esquire c1538-1598

m Ann Shirley dau of Francis Shirley of Staunton Harold, Leics c1515-1571 [SLG];

d 19 Sep 1608; i Madeley

d 20 Oct 1598 aged 60; i Madeley

(as son and heir, lord of Madeley, Salop)

(aged 21+, license to enter) 10 Jun 1559; (adm. Middle Temple) 25 Nov 1557; (M.P., Bridgnorth) 1558 1563; (Burgess, Much Wenlock) 1559; (Bailiff, Much Wenlock) 1567-8 1575-6; (built a new house at Madeley) [PARL3]

chn: Basil Brooke [1] b 1576 below

Francis Brooke [2] [see [VIS.SALOP.1623 81]

Dorothy Brooke [1] m Hugh Starkey of Oulton, Cheshire c1570-....

[VIS.HANTS.1686] [VIS.CESH.1580]

Priscilla Brooke [2] m Robert Middlemore of Edgbaston, Warwicks c1565-1631 [SLG]

Milburgh Brooke [3] m Robert Barnfield of Edgmond, Salop c1576-.... [SLG]

Sir Basil Brooke of Madeley, Salop Knight 1576-1646

b 1576

m1 Audrey Brudenell dau and heir of Sir Edmund Brudenell of Deene, Northants Knight

c1527-1585 [SLG]; b 6 Sep 1584

m2 Frances Mordaunt dau of Henry Mordaunt ... Baron Mordaunt -----. [..]; (but had no chn)

d 1646 [VCH]

(as son and heir, lord of Madeley, Salop)

(as son and heir app. of John Brooke of Madeley, adm. Middle Temple) 23 Jan 1594.5; (knighted at Highgate) 1 May 1604; (Royalist); (committed to Tower by House of Commons) 1644; (imprisoned in King's Bench) 1645; (translated from French "ENTERTAINMENTS FOR LENT") [DNB]

chn: Thomas Brooke below

Ann Brooke [1] m William Fitzherbert of Swynnerton, Staffs c1612-.... [SLG]; d 9 Jul

1653; i Norbury; M.I. eldest dau of Basil B. [SHAW II 243]

Mary Brooke m Thomas More

Dorothy Brooke m 1622 Joseph Glazebrook of Madeley

Agatha Brooke

Catherine Brooke

Thomas Brooke of Madeley, Salop c1606-1675

d 1675 "The Hay"

(as son and heir, lord of Madeley, Salop)

(committed treason against Parliament); (his estates forfeited) 1652

(regained his estate from John Wildman (Major)) c1655

chn: .XXXX. Brooke b c1636 below

Thomas Brooke b c1641 further below

.XXX. Brooke (of Madeley, Salop) c1636-a1675

d before his father a1675

chn: Basil Brooke below

Basil Brooke of Madeley, Salop c1666-1699

(had no chn)

d 1699

(as grandson and heir, lord of Madeley); (settled Madeley on his cousin Comberford Brooke)

Thomas Brooke of Comberford in Tamworth, Staffs c1641-....

m 14 Apr 1675 Wolverhampton: Ann Comberford dau and coheir of Robert Comberford of

Comberford in Tamworth, Staffs c1594-1671 [SLG]

(by right of his wife, of Comberford in Tamworth)

chn: Comberford Brooke below

Comberford Brooke of Madeley, Salop c1676-1710

d 1710 Abroad

(by settlement of his cousin, lord of Madeley)

(of Comberford in Tamworth)

chn: Basil Brooke b c1707; (aged 21-) 1727 below

Catherine Brooke [coheir=b] m 11 Nov 1727 Shifnal: John Unett Smitheman of

Little Wenlock, Salop; (and had chn: John); d 1737

Rose Brooke [coheir=b] m (marriage settlement, 20 Jun 1733) John Giffard of

Madeley, Salop c1689-.... [SLG]

Basil Brooke of Madeley, Salop c1707-1727

(had no chn)

d *under age* 1727

(succeeded by his sisters Catherine and Rose)

Richard Brooke of Lapley, Staffs Esquire c1546-1624

b c1546 *yr son of Sir Robert Brooke of London Knight c1508-1558* [SLG]

m Mary Giffard dau of John Giffard of Chillington in Brewood, Staffs 1533-1613 [SLG];

d 1673

d 1624

(as yr son, by marriage settlement, lord & patron of Lapley) 1558-1624 [see SHC XII 201]

(aged 12) 1558/9 IPM

(as armiger, summoned but not entered at the Visitation) Aug *1583

(presented at Lapley) 1566 & 1596

chn: Walter Brooke [1] b c1575 below

George Brooke [2] b c1579 below

John Brooke [3]

Dorothy Brooke m Francis Congreve of Stretton in Penkridge, Staffs c1578-1619 [SLG]

Walter Brooke of Lapley, Staffs Esquire c1575-?1642

m Dorothy Fortescue

d c1647 [? i 14 Mar 1641.2 Lapley]

(as son and heir, lord & patron of Lapley, Staffs) 1624-c1647

(named in the Visitation) *Aug 1614; (a Catholic); (not present at coronation of Charles I and later

fin'd £20 for knighthood) 2 Feb 1625.6

chn: Ursula Brooke [heir] m Thomas Petre of Lapley, Staffs c1600-a1657 [SLG]

George Brooke c1579-1646

m Joan -----

d 1646

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chn: Francis Brooke d ? *before his father*

Dorothy Brooke m Francis Mildmay

Elizabeth Brooke (unm.) 1654

*VCH (LAPLEY); VCH (SALOP) XI 35-6 (MADELEY) (11/2/04)

Sir Thomas Brooke of Brooke, Soms Knight "Lord Cobham" c1392-1439

m (pre-marriage settlement, 20 Feb 1409.10) Joan Braybrooke *apparently suo jure*

Baroness Cobham dau of Sir Reynold Braybrooke Knight; **b c1404**; d 24 Nov 1442

d 1439; i Thorncombe; M.I.; Will (---) 12 Feb 1438/----

(of Holditch in Thorncombe, Devon)

(of Weycroft, Devon)

(aged 26) Jan 1417.8

(M.P., Dorset) May 1413

(M.P., Soms) 1417; May 1421 1422 1427

(Sheriff, Devon) 1424-6

chn: Edward Brooke below

[10 sons, 4 daus]